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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Michihito KUMAYAMA

Serial No. 10/564,979

Group Art Unit: 3721

Confirmation No. 5431

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Examiner: Rinaldi I. Rada

For: STAPLER AND CONNECTED STAPLE ASSEMBLY CASSETTE

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2007. A Petition for a 1-month extension of time is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to October 22, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.